

DESE MoPTA for Specific Areas of Certification

New Questions – 9/28/15

Q: For elementary majors, Task 2 must be about reading literacy. Does this include all English and Language Arts or just Reading in specific?

A: Literacy is the content focus of this task. Therefore, this includes all aspects of language arts and is not limited to reading.

Q: If we are student teaching in a special education classroom, and in one of the tasks we are to focus on a student without a disability, but all of our students have disabilities, what are we to do about that?

A: You need to explain specifically your unique situation, so the raters will know to look for that within your submission.

Q: For PE, do we still need to focus on literacy?

A: Literacy can include all aspects of Language Arts and not just reading/literacy.

Q: As an elementary education major, can I assess and teach a language arts topic for Task 2, or does it have to specifically be literacy?

A: This includes all aspects of Language Arts

Q: My students are preschoolers with severe autism so every child has their own IEP. How do I make modifications for Focus students when none of my students are doing the same assessments and lessons in the first place?

A: You need to provide a very specific picture of your class, so the rater will know what to look for. You will still be doing modifications even within that group of students.

Q: Do Foreign language artifacts need to be translated to English?

A: No, they do not have to be. There will be raters trained for this.

Q: For the content area, do I select the major I am in or what area I am teaching in?

A: Since the MoPTA is evidence-based and designed to assess your instructional capability, you will select the area you are doing your student teaching in.

Q: Are instrumental and vocal music listed as separate content areas?

A: You only need to list the area as Music.